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1. A meeting of the commandants of the paramilitary schools was held in Berlin at the headquarters of the "Verwaltung für Schulung bei der DVdI". In addition to the commandants themselves, General Petrakovsky was present, as well as Chief Inspector Willy Zaisser and Inspectors Heitsch* (successor to Hermann Rentzsch as chief of the paramilitary police), Zorn (in charge of Abteilung Inspektion), and Hans Wulz (in charge of training). The discussion covered a number of topics, including the status of the schools, the results of a recent inspection trip by Zorn, training methods, personnel policy, the enforcement of the disciplinary code, furloughs, and the economical administration of the schools.
2. An introductory talk was made by Zaisser. He declared that the insistence of the Allied High Commissioners upon reserving the final decision on the trade treaty between the eastern and western zones signifies that the Allies themselves consider East Germany a foreign state, and that this in effect confirms the final split between East and West. The creation of the East German state was a necessary corollary of this development. He said that it is incumbent upon the political parties to make increasing efforts to render the National Front an effective instrument, and that all possible concessions will have to be made in furthering this end. Applying this principle to police affairs, he pointed out that it is important not to represent the police force as an instrument of the SED. An illustration of this policy was a recent occurrence in Saxony, where some members of the paramilitary police applied for admission to the CDU in order to provoke dismissal from the force; in line with the National Front policy they were retained.
3. Zaisser remarked that the creation of a sovereign East German state will result in the reduction of Soviet representatives to mere control organs. The Soviet officers attached to the schools are to be regarded as such control organs. Their presence should be thought of as symbolizing the close friendship between the Soviet Army and the People's Police. In this connection, an unequivocal directive has been issued stating that no local interference in paramilitary affairs will be tolerated; Soviet officials are to be admitted to the various installations only with special credentials signed by General Petrakovsky.

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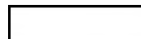
4. Zaissor was very emphatic in condemning laxity in discipline. He criticized the habit of addressing superiors as "Comrade", and pointed out that this practice had long since been discarded in the Soviet Union and the satellite countries.
5. It was brought out at the meeting that for purposes of SED control the Verwaltung für Schulung is considered as an SED Directorate on a level with the Landesleitungen, directly under the SED Central Secretariat. Thus the SED state organizations have no authority over paramilitary personnel within their territorial jurisdiction; the zonal police may be said to form a seventh Landesleitung. It has subdivisions 7A for regular police personnel and 7B for paramilitary personnel. The chairman of 7B is Chief Inspector (fnu) Dölling, who is first deputy to Zaissor in charge of Politkultur personnel. Youth affairs are under (fnu) Morgenstern; personnel of the Verwaltung für Schulung are forbidden to join organizations like the FDJ, and 7B will include branches of such organizations.
6. All training directives and schedules issued by the Verwaltung für Schulung are translated from Russian; this leads to numerous mistakes and inaccuracies. Sources remark that Russian practice is followed also in that the training schedule for type "A" schools provides for fifteen hours' training per day (the maximum in the German Army was eight hours)."
7. It was possible to obtain some information concerning the schools themselves. The following is said to be a complete list of the paramilitary schools:
- Rostock -- Type A; commandant, Inspector Pilz
Prora (P76) -- Type C
Prinowald (sic)
Gronow (sic; perhaps G18wen)
Eggen (Q28)
Frelalau
Zittau; commandant, Inspector Baltasar, formerly a colonel in the Wehrmacht
Döhlen (K79)
Torgau -- Type E; commandant pro tem., Inspector Schwab
Neunburg
Pina; commandant, Inspector Welz, an engineer who has been president of the Saxon State Administration for Energy, but is on leave of absence while serving with the GAI.
8. Paramilitary Bereitschaften are now located as follows:**

Zittau
Frankenberg (K77) (2 Bereitschaften)
Langensalza
Erfurt
Suhl
Apolda
Weissenfels
Kochstedt
Kirchmöser
Potsdam-Eiche
Küstrin-Kietz
Rostock
Pinnow
Burg
Dessau

Lützen
Mühlhausen (H89) (2 Bereitschaften)
Gotha
Meiningen
Gera
Apollensdorf (E37)
Leipzig (3 Bereitschaften)
Quedlinburg
Hohenstücken (?)
Treuenbrietzen
Kuckesee (sic)
Sternbuchholz (sic)
Boizenburg
Grossenhain
Berlin

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9. Courier message centers are located at Dessau, Grossenhain, Apolda, and Burg.

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* Comment: Heitsch is a former General Staff officer, about 35 years old, who was recently discharged from a PW camp with very high recommendations.

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** Comment: The number of units listed in paras. 7 and 8 would indicate a T/O strength of about 45,000. The steps taken thus far point to the creation of a cadre for a "People's Army", but current combat potential is very low. The state of housing and equipment is extremely poor and there is no immediate prospect of improvement; the men's morale is largely determined by material factors. The rigors of the training schedule and the infrequency of furloughs (granted only at Easter and Christmas) are likely to lower morale still further.

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